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CROP PRODUCTION UNDER RKVY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has selected some districts to launch a scheme for enhancing productivity of bajra and jowar crops through technological applications, farm skills improvement and post-harvest management under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds released and spend during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Haryana?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Government has announced an allocation of Rs.300 crore for a sub- Scheme on Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for promotion of millets as nutri cereals. The Scheme aims to demonstrate improved production and post-harvest technologies in an integrated manner to catalyse increased production of bajra, jowar, ragi and other millets in the country to promote balanced nutrition. Additionally, projects will be taken up to upgrade their processing technologies and create awareness regarding their health benefits. This initiative would provide market linked production support to millet farmers in the arid and semi-arid regions of the country. 59 districts in 9 States for Jowar and 38 districts in 7 States for Bajra have been identified under INSIMP.

(c): INSIMP has been launched only in 2011-12 covering 16 States. The allocation and release made to the States under INSIMP is at Annexure-A.